

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES
LOK SABHA**

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QUALITY OF PROCESSED FOOD ITEMS
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Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

- (a) Whether the quality of imported processed food items, including the processed food articles entering the markets clandestinely are not being checked/tested;
- (b) If so, the measures taken to put imported processed food items to quality checks;
- (c) Whether Indian manufacturers manufacturing food items are not following the laid down norms and quality standard endangering the health of the people, especially the children; and
- (d) If so, the measures proposed/have been taken to ensure that food items manufacturers strictly follow the laid down norms and quality standards?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAI)

(a) & (b): The quality of imported processed food items is regulated as per the provisions of the Prevention of Food Adulteration Act (PFA), 1954 and Rules made there under, administered by Ministry of Health and Family Welfare. Samples of processed food items are tested and checked for the compliance of quality standards and norms laid down under the PFA Rules prior to giving clearance for entry into the country.

(c) & (d): Indian manufacturers manufacturing food items have to follow norms and quality standards laid down under the Prevention of Food Adulteration Act

(PFA), 1954 and Rules made thereunder the action against the offenders is taken under the PFA Act, 1954 and Rules made there under. The statement indicating number of cases registered during last three years State wise is at Annexure -A.

Annexure 'A'

States/U.Ts No. of cases found adulterated reported during the years

	2001	2002	2003
1. Andhra Pradesh	1273	966	1022
2. Arunachal Pradesh	12	6	2
3. Assam	157	117	212
4. Bihar	690	N.A.	555
5. Goa	2	9	19
6. Gujarat	N.A.	N.A.	499
7 Haryana	370	356	504
8. Himachal Pradesh	93	62	176
9. Jammu & Kashmir	292	67	70
10. Karnataka -	302	316	437
11. Kerala	299	308	408
12. Madhya Pradesh	497	476	237
13. Maharashtra	2413	1973	2162
14. Manipur		03	06 Nil
15. Meghalaya		13	Nil 3
16. Mizoram		Nil	Nil Nil
17. Nagaland		02	Nil 13
18. Orissa	161	218	145
19. Punjab	290	318	360
20. Rajasthan-	595	698	465
21. Sikkim	04	10	Nil
22. Tamil Nadu	376	668	N.A
23. Tripura	08	14	8
24. Uttar Pradesh	2361	2773	3171

25. West Bengal	124	124	87
26. Andaman & Nicobar Islands		Nil	Nil Nil
27. Chandigarh	107	74	50
28. Dadar & Nagar Haveli	5	1	3
29. Daman & Diu	2	04	Nil
30. Delhi	392	350	218
31. Lakshadweep	Nil	Nil	Nil
32. Pondicherry	12	21	21
33. Chattisgarh	77	70	101
34. Jharkhand-	31	N.A.	48
35. Uttranchal	45	20	32
Total	11008	10025	10928